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VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge
Missouri Public Service Commission
Governor Office Building
200 Madison Street
Jefferson City, MO 65102

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Re: Laclede Gas Rate Case No. GR-2002-356

Dear Mr. Roberts:

On behalf of the Missouri Energy Group, I enclose herewith for filing in the above matter, an original and eight (8) copies of its Response to First Amended Partial Stipulation and Agreement in the above-referenced matter. An additional copy of this document is enclosed, which I would appreciate your file stamping and returning in the enclosed, pre-addressed envelope.

Yours very truly,



Lisa C. Langeneckert

Enclosures (11)
cc/enc: All parties of record

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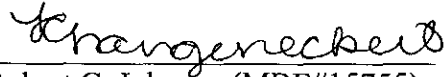
1. On August 29, 2002, Laclede Gas Company, the Missouri Public Service Commission Staff and the Office of Public Counsel entered into a First Amended Partial Stipulation and Agreement (the “Agreement”). The Agreement resolves certain weather-related and revenue-related issues in the case, but does not resolve certain rate design issues involved in the above referenced case.

2. In response to the filing of the Agreement, the MEG states that it neither supports nor opposes the terms of the Agreement. Additionally, the MEG waives its right to a hearing on the matters specifically covered by the Agreement.

WHEREFORE, the MEG respectfully requests that the Commission accept this response to the filing of the Agreement.

¹ The Missouri Energy Group is an unincorporated association of four large-scale customers of Laclede, including Barnes-Jewish Hospital, Emerson Electric Company, SSM HealthCare and St. John's Mercy Health Care.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that the foregoing Response to First Amended Partial Stipulation and Agreement has been duly served upon the General Counsel of the Staff of the Public Service Commission, Office of the Public Counsel and all parties of record to this proceeding by placing a copy thereof in the United States mail, postage prepaid on this 9th day of September 2002.

